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Preliminary Amendment

Applicants herewith present its amendment and remarks. Please amend the claims and abstract as detailed below.

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An air dryer, comprising a base member (4) and a main cartridge (2) attached thereto and containing means (4) for drying and possibly filtering and/or cleaning air passing there through, characterized in that an intermediate cartridge (3), containing means (11, 12, 14, 15) for drying and possibly filtering and/or cleaning air passing there through, is arranged between the base member (4) and the main cartridge (2).
2. (Currently Amended) An air dryer according to claim 1, wherein the means (11, 12, 14, 15) for drying and possibly filtering and/or cleaning air in the intermediate cartridge (3) are arranged to complement and/or supplement the means (4) for drying and possibly filtering and/or cleaning air in the main cartridge (2).
3. (Currently Amended) An air dryer according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate cartridge (3) is arranged to be fastened by corresponding means as the main cartridge (2) to the base member (4).
4. (Currently Amended) An air dryer according to claim 3, wherein the intermediate cartridge (3) is provided with a central internal thread (7) in its bottom portion for